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SUBJ: FOREIGN TRAVEL PLANS OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT MINISTERS

1. THE FIRST WEEKS OF 1977 WILL SEE PM GIULIO ANDREOTTI AND MINISTERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT ENGAGED IN A RATHER AMBITIOUS SCHEDULE OF FOREIGN TRAVEL. MOST OF THE TRIPS ARE DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH ANDREOTTI'S EFFORTS TO SOLVE ITALY'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. THE TRIPS THUS FAR ANNOUNCED INCLUDE A JANUARY 17 VISIT BY PM ANDREOTTI TO BONN, REPORTEDLY TO DISCUSS ITALY'S ECONOMIC STABILIZATION PROGRAM AND SEEK FRG SUPPORT FOR FOREIGN FINANCING. AFTER THAT, PROBABLY IN FEBRUARY, ANDREOTTI WILL TRAVEL TO LIBYA IN ORDER TO FURTHER ITALIAN-LIBYAN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION.

2. UNDER A 1962 PROTOCOL, THE SOVIET AND ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE SUPPOSED TO EXCHANGE VISITS ANNUALLY TO DISCUSS
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THEMES OF A POLITICAL AND GENERAL NATURE. FONMIN ARNALDO FORLANI'S VISIT TO MOSCOW, WHICH NEWSPAPERS SAY WILL TAKE PLACE FROM JANUARY 10-14, REPRESENTS ITALIAN FULFILLMENT OF A COMMITMENT POSTPONED IN 1976 BECAUSE OF THE INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION.

3. MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE RINALDO OSSOLA WILL BE IN PARIS

ON JANUARY 12 FOR TALKS WITH PM BARRE AND OTHERS FOR SAME PURPOSE
AS ANDREOTTI'S TRIP TO BONN.
THIS COMES IN THE WAKE OF OSSOLA'S RECENT TRIPS TO LIBYA AND
IRAN. BOTH OF THOSE VISITS WERE AIMED AT STIMULATING ECONOMIC
COOPERATION WITH OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES.
MINISTER OF INDUSTRY CARB DONAT-CATTIN'S VISIT TO IRAQ, PLANNED
FOR JANUARY 12-14, WILL ALSO FALL IN THE LATTER CATEGORY.VOLPE

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